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Dear Dr. Henney,

I have been a physician for 50 years as of next month with both academic and private practice. Therefor I have been exposed to and experienced many changes in all aspects of life, but specifically regarding the health of our nation. What I am most concerned about is the repeated attempts to fool Mother Nature with various ersatz substitutions for relatively unhealthy foods for the primary purpose of financial gain, especially when the answer is really the application of will power and discipline. Non of the "fake-foods" has held up to the test of time.

However, I am currently very concerned over the enthusiasm of creating genetically altered foods, especially grains. For one thing, it appears to me that the creation of a grain with a sterile seed is nothing more than an acute remunerary procedure for Monsanto, et al. The long term affect of this type genetic tinkering has not been studied nor have the potential effects through soil contamination on adjacent normal plant growth and natural specie differentiation been addressed.. Its economic effect on the small farmer is predictably disastrous. And, what it might due to our health is unknown. Allergies to altered soy products are already being reported.

As you know, a law suit was filed challenging the F.D.A.'s policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing in support of the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and complete information on the labels. Consumers *are* interested and do not want to unknowingly be made guinea pigs for our food industry's experiments. At least allow us to make a choice by labeling these psuedo-foods.

I trust the F.D.A. is living up to its mandate to protect the public health of the nation and will provide consumers with full disclosure on labels.

Thank you for consideration on this very important matter with potential ramifications for generations to come.

Respectfully yours,

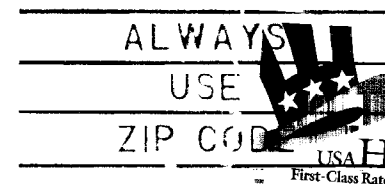


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